Delay in presentation of credentials by Indian Ambassador to Nepal

1026. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the newly appointed Indian Ambassador to Nepal was made to wait for long time before presenting his credentials to the Monarch;

(b) whether the Indian Ambassador has since presented his credentials; if so, on which date; and

(c) whether there is any specific reason for the delay in accepting the credentials by the King of Nepal ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir. Lt. Gen. S. K. Sinha arrived in Kathmandu on February 20, 1990 and presented his credentials on February 22 to His Majesty the King of Nepal.

(b) Yes, Sir; on February 22, 1990.

(c) Does not arise.

Harassment of the Editor of Spokesman Weekly

1027. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that police have been harassing the editor of the *Spokesman Weekly* in New Delhi as reported in the *Indian Express* of the 17th February, 1990 and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps are being taken to stop such harassment; and

(c) whether Amnesty International or PUCL have written to Government on the subject ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Programme Telecast by Lucknow Doordarshan as "Hamara Pyara Pakistan and Jiye Jiye Pakistan"

1028. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of reports that the Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra telecast a few weeks ago in one of its programmes, the extracts of a show in praise of Pakistan including the lines such as "Hamara Pyara Pakistan, and Jiye Jiye Pakistan" sung by Pakistani artists at a function at Ravindralaya in the city ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the officials of Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow responsible for such pro-Pakistani telecast ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) A function by a Cultural Troupe from Pakistan organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations at Lucknow was covered by Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow, in their news bulletin for a duration of 55 seconds. The lines of the song covered were :

"Jeeve Jeeve Jeeve Hindustan,
Hindustan Hindustan
Jeeve Hindustan Pakistan Pakistan Jeeve Pakistan
Jeeve Jeeve . . . (Pause) . . .
Hamara dil Hamari Jan,

Inpe Hum sub hain quarban Yeh
hai hum sabki pehchan

Hamara Pyara Hindustan, Parcham iska jab lehraye,

Khusi se sabhi nagme gayen, yeh
hai allah ka ahsaan,

Hamara Pyara Pakistan,
Pakistan, Hindustan".

Obviously, the song sung by the troupe was to promote the cultural ties between the two countries and has to be seen in its totality.

Overstay of Officials of Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra

1029. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what is the number of officials of production side at Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra who have stayed for more than ten years at Lucknow ; what are their names and assignments and the reasons for which they have not been transferred elsewhere and whether any orders of transfer of any one of them were issued recently and if so, the reasons for not carrying out these orders in certain cases ?

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : A statement showing names including Designation/Category of post of officials, on the production side, who have stayed for more than ten years at Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow, is annexed.

As the recruitment in the non-gazetted categories is done keeping in view the local programme requirements of a Kendra, the officials in these categories, are usually not transferred to other Kendras Transfers/postings in other categories are done keeping in view the specific requirements of the Kendras.

No order of transfer has been issued recently in respect of any employee of Lucknow. T. V. Centre.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name	Designation/ Category of post	Date of posting at Kendra	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1	Shri Kul Bhushan . . .	Video Executive	19-4-76	He has been at DDK, Bombay on transfer for about 5 months.
2	Shri Mohd. Noor Bux . .	Presentation Announcer (Sr.)	1-9-76	
3	Smt. Nirmala Kumari . .	Do. (Jr)	6-12-75	
4	Sh. Afiqu Hussain Khan . .	Instrumentalist	1-10-77	
5	Sh. Sahid Khan . . .	Do.	1-10-77	
6	Sh. Dildar Khan . . .	Do.	1-4-79	